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Late Chaplain, 1867-1900

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Any errors acknowledged, by anticipation.

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LATE CHAPLAIN, 1867—1900

*"The world's a room of sickness, where each heart
Knows its own anguish and unrest;
The truest wisdom there, and noblest art,
Is his who skills of comfort best."*—KEBLE.

London:

POTTER, BATTE& DAVIES,

23, THE PAVEMENT, CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.

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TO MEMBERS

OF COMMITTEES, OF THE STAFF, OF THE HOUSEHOLD

PAST AND PRESENT

THESE IMPERFECT BRIEF REMINISCENCES

ARE RESPECTFULLY OFFERED.



SOME NOTES OF THE History of the Colney Hatch Asylum,

1849 - 1901.

ON a tablet, opposite to the front entrance door, is the following inscription:—“This Foundation Stone was laid by Field-Marshall, His Royal Highness, PRINCE ALBERT, Her Majesty’s Consort, on the 8th day of May, A.D. 1849, and in the twelfth year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, QUEEN VICTORIA.”

On the above-named date (which was on a Tuesday), the Prince’s carriage, passing under a triumphal arch, near to where stands the “Triumph” Inn, came to the Asylum Grounds. Hereabouts was “Halliwick” Wood, perhaps once part of the DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM’s estate. Through Alderman Sir WILLIAM CURTIS (a well-known civic father of those days) the property passed to the Asylum authorities.

What a contrast between the rough woodland of 1849 —where might be seen hares, rabbits, snakes, &c.—and the

cultivated grounds of 1901: that broad walk, between avenue and flower beds, from entrance gates!

On that 8th May, a large crowd, it is said, was gathered together. Among those present were the late MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, Lord Lieutenant of Herts and Middlesex; of neighbours—Rev. J. THOMPSON, Rector of Friern Barnet; Rev. JAMES BAIRD, Vicar of Southgate; of the Asylum community—Mr. B. ROTCH, first Chairman; Mr. J. SKAIFE, Clerk to the Committee of Visitors (into whose possession came the mallet which the Prince used); Mr. GOODCHILD, of the Staff, who died in 1901. One of the present residents in the Asylum was there, and a neighbour, Mr. ARTHUR ELEY, was one of those who saluted the Prince with flags.

His Royal Highness inspected the rising Building, and visited the party at luncheon. So that the 8th May, 1849, is memorial in the annals of the Asylum.

Completion of Building.

Rather more than two years passed, during which time the structure was in active progress.

On Tuesday, the 1st July, 1851, the Chapel was dedicated by the then Bishop of London, Dr. BLOMFIELD. On the same day the Cemetery was consecrated. Some particulars are here recorded. It was officially notified:—

“The Bishop will arrive at the Chapel at half-past twelve
“o'clock, and should be met by the Chaplain and
“Trustees, as also by his officers.”

“They should proceed in the following order to the
‘Reception Room: the Gate Porter, Trustees, Appari-

“tor, Bishop, Chaplain, and Chaplain of the Asylum, “Chancellor, Registrar, the Clergy (two and two), the “Committee of Visitors (two and two), the Medical “and other Officers of the Asylum.”

“The Bishop, being robed, the Procession is to pass “along the Passage to the Chapel, when the Service “should be commenced.”

The *Psalms* appointed for the occasion were the xxxix. and xc. The First Lesson was the xxiii. chapter of *Genesis*, the Second, the xix. of *St. John*, beginning at the 13th verse.

The Service appears to have had reference to the subsequent Consecration of the Cemetery. After the Service in Chapel it was directed :—

“The Bishop will proceed in the same order out of the “Chapel, and at the door the Procession should be “headed by the persons appointed to sing, who “shall proceed, two and two, through the hall to the “Burial Ground, which the Bishop shall then perambulate, if the weather permits.”

“On arrival at the tent, the persons appointed to sing “are to divide right and left, so as to leave a clear “avenue for the Bishop and his officers, preceded by “the Trustees.

“The Bishop being seated, one of the Trustees will “present the deeds of Conveyance, and the Bishop, “having repeated the appointed prayer, the persons “appointed are to sing the verses (named) in the “form.”

“After the final Blessing, the Bishop will be attended as “before to the Reception Room. The verses to be “sung are the 5th and 6th of the xxix. *Psalm*.”

Such appears to be the Order of Service on that 1st July, fifty years ago.

N.B.—A memorandum by Mr. SKAIFE says: “The Chapel, as far as my recollection serves me, was first used for a portion of the Consecration Service of the Burial Ground, by the Bishop of London, in the early part of 1851. The Chapel itself was not consecrated.”

The Cemetery was disused in 1873. A Memorial Cross was in after years erected in it, bearing this inscription:—

IN THIS CONSECRATED GROUND
HAVE BEEN INTERRED
THE REMAINS OF
2,696 INMATES OF THIS ASYLUM,
AND THIS MONUMENT
HAS BEEN ERECTED
TO THEIR MEMORY
BY THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS,
JANUARY, 1883.

Soon after the Dedication of the Chapel, the active work of the staff commenced; for it was on the 17th July, 1851, that the first patients were received—eleven men, five women. The total number of those under care, now and formerly, is 28,141, inclusive of re-admissions. On the day when the Foundation Stone was laid, it was announced by the Lord Lieutenant, that he had it in command from Her Majesty, to found, in Her Majesty's name, a Fund for the relief of pauper lunatics, on their discharge cured from the Asylum, and that she had graciously condescended to allow

the Fund to be called the "Victoria Fund," and to subscribe £100 towards it ; the name subsequently "Adelaide Fund," the name of the original Fund, in Hanwell Asylum.

A few notes may be interesting of footprints on the sands of time during the past half-century of the occupation of the Asylum.

Members of Committees.

Mr. B. ROTCH, as already mentioned, appears to have been first Chairman of the Colney Hatch Asylum Committee of Middlesex Magistrates, after the opening of the Building. The names of the Committee at an earlier period are recorded on a slab. The first is that of LORD ROBERT GROSVENOR, who, it is believed, was the last survivor. A successor of Mr. ROTCH was Mr. POWNALL. But the most outstanding name of that administration was unquestionably that of Mr., afterwards Sir WILLIAM WYATT, who was a member of Committee from 1859 to 1889, and Chairman during twenty-seven years of that time. He died in 1898.

In 1889, the management of County Lunatic Asylums was transferred from the jurisdiction of Magistrates to that of County Councils. The Colney Hatch Asylum, situated in Middlesex, was placed under the administration of the "L.C.C." The first Chairman under the new *régime* was Mr. FLETCHER, a link with the former Committee, of which he was a member. Successive Chairmen were : Mr. MOSS, 1890-92 ; Mr. PARKINSON, 1892-93 ; Mr. ROBINSON, 1893-94 ; Mr. ORSMAN, 1894-95 ; Dr. BLAKE, 1896-97 ; Mr. WHITE, 1899 ; Mr. PARKINSON, 1900 ; Mr. LAMPARD, 1901.

Medical Superintendents.

The first over the Male Department was Dr., afterwards Sir W. C. HOOD,* who afterwards migrated to Bethlem Royal Hospital, and died in 1870. He was succeeded by Dr. TVERMAN, in 1852; followed by Dr. EDGAR SHEPPARD, who, in addition to professional work, promoted the decoration of his wards, gave occasional recitations and lectures, and "captained" in the cricket field. His charge extended from 1862 to 1881; he died in 1897. His son, Dr. EDGAR SHEPPARD, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, has preached in the Asylum Chapel.

Of the Female Department, Dr. DAVEY was first Superintendent. His successor was Mr. MARSHALL, whose charge lasted for the long period of thirty-eight years, from 1852 to 1890. His systematic, conscientious work is held in remembrance. He died in 1897, by a noticeable coincidence within a few days of the death of Dr. SHEPPARD, whose colleague he had been during some twenty years.

On Mr. MARSHALL'S retirement, the Superintendentship of *both* Male and Female Departments (happily combined, to the great advantage of the community) was entrusted to the present respected chief, Dr. W. J. SEWARD, who has gained a stronghold on the respect and cordial regard of his colleagues and staff. *Vivat et Floreat!*

Assistant Medical Officers.

It might not be generally interesting to record the names of *all* who have held office since the opening of the Institu-

* Resident Physician, Bethlem Hospital, 1852—1862—Chancery Visitor—1858. Treasurer of Bridewell and Bethlem Hospitals.

tion, but the names of a few are here noted: Dr. ADAM, is at West Malling Place, Kent; Dr. T. CLAYE, Superintendent of Banstead Asylum, and Lecturer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Dr. STRANGE, Bicton, Shrewsbury; Dr. ELLIOT (retired 1901), Caterham; Dr. ROBERT JONES, Claybury; Dr. BRYAN, Horton Manor; &c.

Mr. W. H. GEORGE (still kindly remembered) is buried in Friern Barnet Churchyard; Dr. GROSVENOR SHAW in Barnes Cemetery; one of former medical staff was drowned at the foundering of s.s. *London*, in 1867; Dr. BALFOUR died in 1884; Dr. SKELTON in 1899.

In this memorial year, the Asylum retains the services of Drs. BEADES, JONES, TIZARD, FLEMING, COLE, and WILKINSON.

Chaplains.

1851—Rev. H. MURRAY, afterwards a Government Chaplain in India; 1855—Rev. R. R. HUTTON, who became Rector of High Barnet, and died in 1887; 1860—Rev. W. BULLOCK (died 1870); 1867—Rev. H. HAWKINS (retired 1900); 1900—Rev. A. L. P. PARRY, fifth on the Chaplain's roll, and gaining the kindly regard of his charge.

Stewards.

The first, Mr. GEORGE HENDERSON (died 1888); Mr. BLAKE (retired); Mr. BOYCE (died 1901); Mr. MALLETT succeeded. No light charge attaches to an office having the oversight and dispensation of vast stores of commissariat and material needful for the sustenance and furnishing of so vast a household of more than 2,800 persons.



Engineers.

Among those holding this responsible post have been Mr. WALKER (died 1884); Mr. HACK (died 1901). Mr. YOUNG, ably seconded by Mr. PHILLIPS, has held chief office since 1886. The care of designing and overlooking important work within a vast building covering an area of $10\frac{1}{2}$ and on grounds of 156 acres, is not light. In addition to works of construction, alteration, decoration, there belongs to the Engineer's department the care of water supply (more than 100,000 gallons needed daily), illumination, drainage, oversight of fabrics, &c.—matters on which the health and comfort of the inmates of an establishment greatly depend.

Clerks of the Asylum.

In former years Mr. CHANEY was chief. He was succeeded, in 1867, by Mr. BURROWS, who retired in 1889. In his place was appointed Mr. EADE, who was the Father of the House, its head by seniority of office, having been at the time of his lamented and almost sudden death in 1900, a member of the staff during more than 45 years. He was buried, on 30th August, in the Great Northern Cemetery. There was a large attendance at his funeral; among those present was Mr. BOYCE, whose own funeral took place in the following December. Mr. EADE was succeeded by Mr. BAILEY, seconded by his able and experienced colleague, Mr. STERLAND, who has been on the Staff of the Asylum since 1871.

Dispensary.

With the Dispensary have been associated the names of Messrs. ROSE, GREAVES, DENDY, and others ; last, not least in sequence, being Mr. WELFORD, ‘curator’ of portrait albums. It is noticeable the “Apothecaries’ Hall” has been, in two instances at least, allied to the fine Arts—Music and Photography, represented by Mr. DENDY and Mr. WELFORD.*

The Female Staff.

Passing to the Female side of the House, the first Matron was Mrs. MERITON, 1851. There followed the duplex régime of Miss CULLEN and Miss BUILDER, followed by Miss MOORE, Miss PLAISTOWE, Miss WHATNALL, and the present Matron, Miss BISSETT.

Miss DIXON, Deputy-Matron, long time resident, resigned from ill-health in 1898 ; her successor, Miss PUCKLE, became Matron of Bexley Heath Asylum in 1899 ; in her place was appointed Miss WARHAM.

In that busy hive of industry, the *Laundry*, Mrs. WELHAM long reigned supreme. Her work was taken over by Miss WILSON ; next came Miss WATSON and Miss BRIAR. A Head Laundry Attendant, Miss WILSON, died in 1874. What a record must be the laundry work of half-a-century ! About 35,000 articles are received and returned weekly.

The smaller community of the *Workroom*, of which many years ago Mrs. BATES (who died in 1874) was Mistress, is not behindhand in the produce of needle-craft,

*Mr. WELFORD’S Albums contain about 18,672 portraits.

as Miss COOKE would testify. Though those valuable members of the Staff, the Head Attendants, have been a somewhat stationary sisterhood, many, of course, have gone away. The names of some recur of the Misses HEMMING-FEAKE, FENWICK (died 1901), OWEN, MORGAN, FINNERTY, FERRIS, CRUNDWELL. Nor should the respected and indispensable rank and file be unmentioned in this brief review, some of whom have died within these walls, or elsewhere: Attendants ATKINS, JARRETT, DANES, FURZER; Nurses KAISER, SPARROW, O'CONNOR, LOCKE, MAIDMAN, DING, DANIELS, BARNES, and many others.

The title, "Inspectors," suggests a reminiscence of that fine old officer, Mr. BLOWFIELD, whose name stands *first* on the list of Attendants engaged at the opening of the Building; of the sailor-like Mr. COWLEY. Both the present Inspectors, Mr. HOPE and Mr. JARMAN, have been long on the Staff.

Miss CHARLOTTE FIELD, many years Bible Reader, was succeeded, after an interval, by Miss E. WILLIAMS, in 1896, both of whom have ministered kindly and usefully.

The Chapel.

Its original interior was very bare and cheerless. But, as years went on, successive Committees were kindly responsive to many suggestions and sanctioned various improvements. In 1874, important structural work was carried out under the superintendence of Mr. WALKER. The roof was strengthened, the galleries were removed, the seats levelled, partial decoration was undertaken. Then, after closure during many weeks (in which interval services

were held in No. 1 Hall), the Chapel was re-opened on the 15th December, and the Sermon preached by Bishop PIERS-CLAUGHTON. In 1878, tinted windows were substituted, and emblems of the Evangelists inserted between. In 1880 the oaken eagle lectern was added, some decoration of the walls and roof were effected, and a series of mural texts painted, under the direction of Mr. HACK. The Chapel, after temporary disuse, was again opened on 9th October. Sir W. H. WYATT, Chairman of Committee; the Revs. R. MORRIS (Friern Barnet), J. BAIRD (Southgate), and others, were present. The Sermon was preached by the Venble. ARCHDEACON HESSEY, Master of the Charter House. 1888—1897. Mural cartoons of Scriptural subjects, from designs by Mr. WORRALL, were affixed, under the superintendence of Mr. YOUNG. 1899: Gas standards were introduced.

Many preachers have addressed the Chapel congregations. The Bishops of London (TEMPLE): Bishops BILLING (East London), TURNER (Islington); the (future) Bishops of Ripon, Peterborough, Bristol, Wakefield, St. Alban's; the Archdeacons CHEETHAM, BLOMFIELD, EMERY, SINCLAIR, THORNTON; the Revs. R. MAGUIRE, A. H. MACKONOCHIE, GORDON CALTHROP, C. F. LOWDER, HARRY JONES, Dr. SCRIVENER, S. BUSS, R. SUCKLING, Dr. EDGHILL (Chaplain General), L. WAINWRIGHT, N. LIBERTY (in eleven successive years), S. G. HARRIS, F. HAIL, J. BOWMAN, G. HENNESSY, E. C. and F. HAWKINS, Canons COOPER, ELWYN, DUCKWORTH, &c.

Organists.—Mr. PIGROME, Miss OWEN, Miss MOORE, Mr. DENDY, Miss A. HAWKINS, Mr. KLITZ, have suc-

sively played on the Organ, built by WALKER, and, as a record notes, purchased in 1851 for £176 10s. It stood originally in a loft at the south end of the Chapel. The names of blowers, Mr. DAVID STEWART and Mr. WILSON, should not be unrecorded.

Choir.—In former years, within remembrance, Mr. PIGROME directed some singers from the organ loft, they being on the basement. The commencement or revival of a Choir may be dated, perhaps, from 1874, when the organ was moved to its present position. Mrs. HAWKINS was a member from the beginning; Miss A. DEAR, Miss E. BUSH, Mrs. HAMILTON, &c., have been helpful and able coadjutors for a long period. For several years the majority of the Choir was composed of patients.

By way of recognition of services rendered, annual visits were paid to places of entertainment: the Crystal and Alexandra Palaces; to various Exhibitions—"Spanish," "Naval," "Healtheries"; to Battersby Park. The 'honorarium' has recently been given in the form of a small present. For many years Nurses have formed the majority of the Choir, which, in 1898, was much strengthened and improved by members of the Male Staff, former military bandsmen, whose choral aid, on special occasions, is instrumental as well as vocal. Much credit is due to the labour and skill of the Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. KLITZ. His deputy, Mr. HEWETT, has during many years given valuable help. The "greater choir" of many members of the congregation greatly contribute to the heartiness of the singing of the Psalms and Spiritual songs.

Confirmations.

Confirmations of about 215 members of the Community have taken place at Monken Hadley, Highgate, Friern Barnet, New Southgate, St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Chapel of the Colney Hatch Asylum, by Bishops ANDERSON, FRASER, CLAUGHTON, JACKSON and TEMPLE (of London), BILLING, BROWNE, TURNER, TOZER, BROMBY, SPEECHLY.

Charitable Offertories.

It is believed that in the early days of the Asylum, alms were given at the offertory at the Communion Service. From 1868, for some years contributions were forwarded for the Missionary purposes of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, which celebrates its bi-centenary this year. About £100 sent to the Society. The Chapel alms-boxes were fixed, by permission, in 1883. The total amount contributed previously, through the boxes and departments, has amounted to about £500. The objects of the collections have been very various; of late years the Sunday Hospital Fund having been the chief recipient. Mr. STERLAND has very kindly checked intermediate amounts, and the late Chief Clerk, the much-regretted Mr. EADE, made the annual audit.

Mention of the Workshops and other Industries may recall names and persons still remembered by a few. Mr. CLARK, of the Bakery* (succeeded by Mr. WOODROFFE) and of the 'Stores'; Mr. IREDALE, master shoemaker, who used to walk from Harrow on a Monday morning to his work

* The output is about 18,000 lbs. of bread weekly, besides cake, &c

here; BENJAMIN SEARLE and COOPER, of the Engine Rooms; NEWBY, who, before retirement, had reached ‘fourscore’; WINTER, of the Carpenter’s Shop.

A visit to the Lower Lodge, now disused for ordinary exits and entrances, might revive memories of UNDERHILL and FENSON, whose stony yard was brightened, in season, by chrysanthemums in the flower-bed by the wall. Both himself and his wife are buried in Friern churchyard. The Farm suggests remembrance of “Master” HUTTON, of Somersetshire, succeeded by Mr. and Mrs. KING. MURDOCH lived in the gasman’s house, now occupied by Mr. BAYNHAM. The Lodge, tenanted by Mr. TOON, is a building of later days. ‘TOM ALISON,’ who died on a cold winter morning, stricken on his way to work, in 1888, was long time head gardener in the front grounds. In former years, sturdy HESLETT, formerly seaman, granted or forbad entrance at the front gate, of which Mr. and Mrs. TAYLOR, were next guardians. Courteous Mr. SMITH, of the old 89th, now holds the fort.

A few Notes from old Diaries. 1851—of a violin in Chapel, of a school for patients, of the organ (which could also be played by a handle) being first used on Christmas Day; 1852—of the first Fair Day, of an old patient asking for a spinning wheel; 1854-5—of Chapel services in reference to the Crimean War, of a want (now supplied by the services of Mrs. FRIEDMAN) of an official who could speak foreign languages; May-Day amusements are mentioned; 1864—Sunday Evening services for the Staff discontinued in 1894, on account of alteration of Sunday arrangements; 1866—Service of Humiliation for cattle plague,

Male Attendants' Class taught by teacher from Working Men's College ; 1870—stimulants discontinued on Fair Day ; 1873—Hospitals (Asylum) Sunday Fund initiated ; 1887—Victoria Jubilee ; 1896—Annex ; 1897—Diamond Jubilee.

Other Recollections arise. Of **Visiting Rooms**—crowded, as on Bank Holidays, &c., or sparsely occupied, as on some wet afternoons ; and here remembrance revives of a German mother's visits to her daughter, year in, year out ; of a sister's to a weak-minded brother ; of a daughter's to an aged mother ; of an octogenarian father, or perhaps of only a friend, " who yet may sticketh closer than a brother." Full of interest and valuable lessons are those Male and Female Visiting Rooms !—" *Visiting Day at the Asylum*" (S.P.C.K.)

Fire Brigade.—A shrill summons suddenly hastens the Fire Brigade to the scene of an imaginary fire. The engine is vigorously handled, under the eye of a member of the London Brigade. " Ready, aye ready !" But what cause for thankfulness to GOD, that in the course of fifty years no serious outbreak of fire has occurred !

The Asylum Band was formerly conducted by Dr. CLAYE SHAW ; poor MILLWOOD played the flageolet ; Mr. DENDY was prominent. Then a London trio played the dance music ; now various regiments supply the orchestra which enlivens the Recreation Room and Grounds.

The Staff of Attendants, of various grades, numbers about 114 males and 210 females. The advantages of their position are substantial and improving : their professional

standing is recognised ; pay good ; hours of daily duty, though long, yet limited and defined ; prospect of promotion ; choice of companionship, &c. Freedom of action after hours of duty is, as regards the Nurses, ampler than formerly ; annual holidays are longer ; and—an important consideration in days when examinations are becoming preliminaries to successful progress—opportunities of acquiring theoretical and practical instruction on matters relating to the duties of attendants, are periodically afforded. That such opportunities are improved is testified by the increasing number of badges of competency and efficiency exhibited.

As regards the Asylum to which the foregoing remarks have special reference, it may be asserted that, as years have gone by, the relations between different departments of the House have been less restrained—more sociable. The “once upon a time” aloofness of “A and B,” &c., has lessened, or disappeared. Friendly fusion has, no doubt, been in large measure due to the unification of the present management in place of the duplex régime—the House divided—of former years.

It must, perhaps, be admitted that among the younger Female Staff there is less ‘stationariness’ and stability than formerly. Love of change, facilities for going from place to place, competing offers of service elsewhere, the restlessness of the times, partly account for frequent migrations.

The fact of many male attendants being married is, of course, one explanation of their longer continuance in service. They are necessarily “anchored.”

A large number of the men attendants have been in the Army ; fewer, yet some, in the Navy. More than once a list has been drawn up of members of the Services—Engineers, Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry, and of the R.N. No need of repetition here.

From that opening day in 1851 to the present year 1901, what a mixed multitude, as years have gone by, have gathered within the Asylum walls ! Natives of probably every English county, from Northumberland to Cornwall, from Norfolk to Shropshire ; natives of "Wild Wales," Caledonia, stern and wild, of the Sister Isle, of France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Norway, Russia, Japan, *not* (within recollection) from China, though members of the Embassy once paid a visit.

Again, how many forms of Religious belief have been represented. Professed members of the Church of England, and Nonconformists, Roman Catholics (about 259 resident, with their Chapel and visiting Priest), 240 Jews, looked after by a Reader and Lady Visitor of their own Faith, and considerately treated in the preparation of food according to the customs of their religion ; consignments of unleavened biscuits, oranges, &c., at Passover season, Jewish parties from time to time, are tokens that they are kindly considered.

Of the Professions, representatives of Law, Physic and Divinity have been members of this populous household. Barristers, Doctors, Clergymen, Officers of the Army (no recollection arises of any Naval Officer), members of three Universities—one a distinguished Prizeman and Scholar,

Public School men, Artists, Literary men have been residents. On the Female side—Governesses, Musicians, Actresses, employées of almost all descriptions.

In a recent official report, some 380 different occupations of male patients, and about 150 of females, are registered. In the Wards have been persons of all ages—the new-born infant and the centenarian.

While, on the one hand, it is a painful reflection that during the first half-century of the existence of the Asylum many thousand cases of insanity have been admitted, on the other hand, there is satisfaction in the thought that of that large number very many have been “made whole,” by God’s blessing on human ministries; others, if not discharged “recovered,” have yet been improved in their mental and bodily condition. Others again, permanently invalidated, have found in the Asylum a hospitable dwelling-place.

The residence of a *present* inmate is all but commensurate with the Asylum’s history as a Hospital. Facing the congregation in the Chapel is the text, “He shall be for a Sanctuary, a Place of Refuge.” How many afflicted in mind, suffering from various phases of insanity—despondency, delusions, violent excitement, impulses to injure themselves or others, incapacity for the work of life—have found within Asylum wards shelter, sustenance, guardianship, a harbour of refuge, in part, from troubles within and without?

P. S.—A few supplementary Notes are appended. Out-door reminiscences: of May Day “Jack-in-the-Green;” of the annual hay party—was not Mr. MARSHALL once a victim of hay-field ‘assault and battery?’ of field sports, races, jumps, &c., on Male side - on a certain occasion, a historical race between LONGSTER and MAPLESON, the Yorkshireman winning! of the Cambridgeshire mowers, with Master “BIRD” their Captain, year after year! Or again, in-door recollections of a Nurses’ Evening Class, or Dorcas Meeting, the garments made being sent to poor districts.

A Memorial Note about the Chapel Services. During many years, three (including one for the household) on Sundays, and Morning and Evening Prayer *daily* throughout the year, rarely intermitted : which considerate provision for the Spiritual benefit of the Asylum was available from its opening. The feelings of how many among the congregations have been in unison with those of one who said: “The Services of the Chapel, which I have had the privilege of attending, have been as it were way-side seats, “where I have often sat and refreshed myself;” or of another’s Remembrance: “Dear old Chapel! I have spent “many sacred hours there.”

Another recollection, a sad one, of the Winter of 1892, when influenza was so fatal in the building; when Mr. DAVIS, Head Out-door Attendant, Mr. NUTT, and many other members of the community were carried off by the epidemic. Later in the same year, the beloved Physician, Dr. WILLIAM HEMMING-GEORGE, and Nurses DING and DANIEL were called away. Again, from grave to

gay, recollections of how many Fair Days! The first, on 17th July, 1852; held for many years in the Field, now the site of the 'Annex'—the lively scene of so many annual gatherings of residents and their friends, in groups on the mown grass: walking, talking, round the Band, dancing, looking at NEMO's Troupe; at last, towards sundown, wending their way station-wards or to their rooms, many first winding up the July holiday with a merry dance in the Great Hall.

The vast Kitchen, superintended during many years by its chef, Mr. GILBEY, prepares daily meat and drink—fish, flesh, puddings, vegetables, cocoa, tea, &c.—for more than 2,800 persons.

[*It is hoped that the preceding imperfect "Notes" of the Colney Hatch Asylum may interest some who, in various relations, are or have been associated with it.*]



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